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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS AT 29TH UNGA RE KHMER AND SOUTH AFRICA

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1. MAYBE MAURITIAN PERMREP RAMPHUL WPLL CONVENIENTLY TRY TO MAKE HIMSELF SCARCE WHEN KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE COMES UP IN UNGA -- NOT BECAUSE I CAN OFFER ANY HOPE PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAS BACKED AWAY FROM HIS PREVIOUS POSITION (REF B), BUT PERHAPS BECAUSE RAMPHUL HIMSELF SEEMS TO BE TAKING HIS LUMPS HERE AND RAMGOOLAM SEEMS LESS THAN HAPPY WITH HIM AT MOMENT.

2. LOCAL PRESS AND OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE BEEN SPREADING REPORTS THAT RAMPHUL RECENTLY PUNCHED AN UNIDENTIFIED MAURITIAN MINISTER AT A NEW YORK NIGHTCLUB AND HAVE BEEN ASKING GOM TO EXPLAIN ALLEGED HALF MILLION RUPEE CHARGES FOR LONDON/SUSSEX "TAXI FARES" FOR RAMPHUL AND HIS WIFE. OPPOSITION LEADERS IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAVE ALSO CHALLENGED PM WHETHER RECENT RAMPHUL SPEECH IN UN ON SOUTH AFRICA AND NATO IS NOT CONTRARY TO EXISTING GOM POLICY. RAMGOOLAM HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN ANNOYED AND EMBARRASSED BY THESE QUESTIONS AND PROBABLY BY RAMPHUL'S BEHAVIOR.

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3. TODAY I HANDED RAMGOOLAM COPIES OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S OCTOBER

30 SPEECH ON SOUTH AFRICA IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT'S
REBUTTAL OF YOUNGHUSBAND ARTICLE IN POST (STATE 231309). EVEN
BEFORE READING THEM. RAMGOOLAM REFERRED TO LATEST UN VOTE
EXPZLLING SOUTH AFRICA FROM CURRENT UNGA SESSION. JUDGING FROM
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHO OPPOSED AND ABSTAINED ON THAT MOTION,
RAMGOOLAM DEDUCED THAT RAMPHUL MUST HAVE VOTED FOR RESOLUTION,
ALTHOUGH RAM HAD NOT YET RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM NEW YORK.
HE THEN COMMENTED "SUCHHMOVE IS NOT THE WAY TO HANDLE THIS
PROBLEM AND WILL PROBABLY MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE." I SAID WE
QUITE AGREED AS HE WOULD SEE FROM AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STATEMENT.
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